

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

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- ☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 10/8/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-872

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Neil Justin Bernard
Address: 340 North Canterbury Dr., LaPlace, LA 70068
Office/Position: Encore Academy / Louisiana Premiere Charter / Reserve / St. John the Baptist
of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 5
Years Covered: 2018-2020
Final Report: No

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD21002002
Original Due Date: 7/6/2020
Initial PFD Filed on: 3/18/2021
NOD-amend Received: 6/28/2021
NOD-amend Signed by: P. Rhore C-19 for N. Bernard
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 7/8/2021
Amendment/Answer Filed: 7/13/2021

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$125
Days late from receipt of NOD: 5
Total days late from initial due date: 372
Late Fee Order Received: 7/19/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 8/9/2021
Waiver Request Received: 7/13/2021

COMMENTS:

Neil Justin Bernard is requesting a waiver for the late filing of his 2019 Amendment. Mr. Bernard stated during the time the notices were issued he was traveling between Louisiana and Florida due to Covid-19 related work. A family member was staying at his house from time and checking for his mail. He stated he initially completed his 2019 disclosure and gave it to the Encore Administrator to send on his behalf. Unbeknownst to him, she had not submitted the disclosures and shortly resigned after that. Mr. Bernard apologies for submitting his disclosure late and asks the Ethics Board to consider waiving his 2019 Amendment fine.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes 2019 Annual

\$400

- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

Good evening,

Again, thank you so much for answering my questions earlier regarding Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement process. My apologies for submitting the Disclosure Statement after the date asked for. I am submitting a request for to waive the fee for failing to file the 2019 Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement on time and failing to amend.

When the 2019 report was originally due, I submitted the disclosure to the person(s) in charge and I was under the impression this was taken care of. I have attached a copy of the original signed disclosure form I sent to our prior leadership on 5/15/2019 from my personal email account. I reached out to my current leadership via phone when I received the first notice and forwarded the original email from my work email but it automatically deletes after 90 days so I do not have access or receipts for anything sent prior to 90 days from my work email account. Also, when the pandemic happened, I spent a lot of time living in Florida. I had someone living at the home who would check and bring in the mail for me and when I returned home, I would respond. I can provide Uber Eats receipts, gas receipts, or debit card statements from random purchases while in Florida if need be. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

N. Justin Bernard

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Ashley Wimberley

From: BERNARD, JUSTIN <nb3440@att.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Ashley Wimberley
Subject: RE: Request for Fee Waiver
Attachments: Request for Waiver Fee.pdf

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Please do not click on links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Please see attached,

N. Justin Bernard, MBA
Sr Specialist-Business Mgmt
AT&T Technology Operations, Wireline Access C&E

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From: BERNARD, JUSTIN
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Ashley Wimberley <Ashley.Wimberley@la.gov>
Subject: Request for Fee Waiver

Good evening,

Again, thank you so much for answering my questions earlier regarding Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement process. My apologies for submitting the Disclosure Statement after the date asked for, post COVID I have spent a lot of time living in Florida. I take full responsibility for neglecting the urgency of submitting the statements on time, but I incorrectly thought this issue was taken care of. I have now submitted all disclosure statements and am caught up. I am reaching out to request a waiver for the late fee considering all the circumstances.

Thank you,

N. Justin Bernard, MBA
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NO. 70200090000054006009

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 25, 2021

Neil Justin Bernard
340 North Canterbury Dr.
LaPlace, LA 70068

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - AMEND
PFD21002002**

Dear Mr. Bernard:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of your Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2019 that was filed with this office on March 18, 2021, indicates the following error(s) or omission(s):

You are required to sign the Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement to certify that the information is true and correct.

You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice to file an amendment to your Statement, or to submit a written Answer contesting the allegations. **Failure to file** within the 7 days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; commercial delivery service; fax, upload, or electronic filing confirmation date stamp.

If you would like to view the report that was initially filed to further explain the omission and/or correction needed, you may visit our website at www.ethics.la.gov. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Tammy Frazier
Compliance Investigator

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Neil Justin Bernard
340 North Canterbury Dr.
LaPlace, LA 70068



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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X *N. P. Rhore*

☐ Agent

☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

N. Bernard

C. Date of Delivery

6-28-21

- D. Is delivery address different from item 1?** ☐ Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

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